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SUMMARY. OCTOBER 14 MEETING SET NEW TIMETABLE FOR GENERAL RELEASES OF PRISONERS, DETAINEES. FOLLOWING OCTOBER 18 MEETING, DENKTASH LEAVES FOR 2-3 WEEK SOJOURN AT UNGA DEBATE ON CYPRUS. TALKS WILL BE DEFERRED UNTIL HIS RETURN. WE CAUTIOUSLY HOPEFUL THAT NEW RELEASE TIMETABLE WILL HOLD, THUS MAINTAIN SENSE OF LOCAL PROGRESS WHILE TALKS IN ABEYANCE. END SUMMARY.

1. CLERIDES, DENKTASH MET TWO HOURS OCTOBER 14. COMMUNIQUE NOTED FOLLOWING :

A. GENERAL PRISONER/DETAINEE RELEASE WILL RESUME "VERY SHORTLY."
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(RADIO LATER ANNOUNCED AGREEMENT TO COMMENCE AT 1300Z REPEAT

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1300Z FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18.)

B. ONCE ICRC COMPLETES LIST OF DETAINED GREEK
CYPRIOT UNIVERSITY STUDENTS (TURK CYPRIOT STUDENT LIST ALREADY
COMPILED), BOTH GROUPS OF STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE "FACILITIES" TO
PROCEED ABORAD.

C. STEPS WILL BE TAKEN "VERY SHORTLY" TO PROVIDE TEACHERS
FOR RESPECTIVE AREAS "WHERE THEY ARE REQUIRED."

D. NEXT STAGE OF REPATRIATION OF CIVILIAN FOREIGN NATIONALS
(INCLUDING MAINLAND TURKS AND GREEKS) WILL OCCUR OCTOBER 15, AND
WILL CONTINUE "ON BASIS FURTHER LISTS."

E. ARRANGEMENTS FOR RETURN OF STRANDED GREEK AND TURK CYPRIOTS
TO RESIDENCES "WILL BE COMPLETED SHORTLY."

F. ICRC WILL CONTINUE EFFORT TO LOCATE MISSING PERSONS HIDING IN
TURKISH ZONE, AND TO TRACE OTHER MISSING PERSONS.

G. NEXT MEETING WILL BE OCTOBER 18.

2. AT END OF MEETING, CLERIDES AND DENKTASH HAD PRIVATE TALK "ON
REFUGEE PROBLEM AND ON CERTAIN POLITICAL ASPECTS."

3. PRIOR MEETING, CLERIDES AND DENKTASH TOLD PRESS THAT DELAYS
IN IMPLEMENTING GENERAL RELEASE DUE "TECHNICAL REASONS." DENKTASH
REPORTEDLY PLEDGED THAT RELEASE, ONCE RESUMED, WOULD PROCEED WITHOUT
PAUSE. PRESS OCTOBER 15 FOCUSES ON IMMINENT RESUMPTION; NOTES
ALSO THAT ICRC HAS ALREADY FOUND SOME 40 MISSING PERSONS WHO HAD
HIDDEN IN TURK OCCUPATION ZONE.

4. COMMENT. WE UNDERSTAND PRIVATELY THAT ICRC HAS ALMOST COMPLETED
LIST OF DETAINED UNIVERSITY STUDENTS; IN RECENT VISIT TO YIALOUSA,
DENKTASH REPORTEDLY WEIGHED IN WITH TURK MILITARY TO ASSIST ICRC'S
COMPILATION. RE TEACHERS, UNDERSTANDING IS THAT COMMUNAL AUTHORITIES
WILL BE SOLE JUDGE OF WHETHER TEACHERS (AND FAMILIES) ARE "NECESSARY"
FOR NATIONALS OUTSIDE RESPECTIVE ZONES.

5. ACCORDING UN, LARGE NUMBER PERSONS, POSSIBLY 3,000 - 4,000,
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STILL MISSING. SO FAR, UN HAS PREFERRED LET ICRC TAKE LEAD ON THIS
PROBLEM THROUGH TRACING EFFORTS. "HUMANITARIAN" TALKS HAVE NOT
REPEAT NOT FULLY ADDRESSED ISSUE OF MISSING PERSONS.

6. FOLLOWING OCTOBER 18 MEETING, DENKTASH WILL EMPLANE FOR UNGA
DEBATE ON CYPRUS. IT WAS MUTUALLY AGREED TO DEFER FURTHER MEETINGS
UNTIL HIS RETURN IN 2-3 WEEKS. DENKTASH NOW EVEN FURTHER OUT ON
PUBLIC LIMB RE IMPLEMENTATION OF OFT-DELAYED GENERAL RELEASE. GIVEN

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HISTORY TURK MILITARY OBSTRUCTIONISM, WE CAUTIOUSLY HOPEFUL THAT
RELEASES WILL NOW PROCEED. IF THEY DO, SENSE OF PROGRESS LOCALLY
SHOULD CARRY US THROUGH EXPECTED TWO TO THREE WEEKS' HIATUS
IN TALKS. END COMMENT. CRAWFORD

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